

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 15. This sheet, which includes Fig. 15, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 15.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-12 are amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, the drawings were objected to; the specification was objected to; Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; Claims 1-3 and 7-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101; and Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Ogawa (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0087706) in view of Skillet et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,098,065, herein “Skillet”) and Suzuki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,675,738, herein “Suzuki”).

Regarding the objection to the drawings, Figure 15 has been amended to label the user management part ‘130’ instead of ‘110’. The specification has been amended accordingly. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this objection be withdrawn.

Regarding the objection to the Abstract, the title, and the specification, a new Abstract indicative of the claimed invention has been added, the title has been amended as suggested by the outstanding Office Action, and the specification has been amended as suggested by the outstanding Office Action. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this objection be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claims 1-12 have been amended to overcome the noted informalities. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-3 and 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, Claims 1-3 and 7-9 have been amended to recite a computer program product including instructions to be

executed by the computer system, which is a statutory category of invention. The claim amendments find support in the specification, for example in paragraph [0074]. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested this rejection be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Ogawa in view of Skilten and Suzuki, independent Claims 1, 4, 7, and 10 have been amended to more clearly recite the features of the claimed invention. No new matter has been added.

Briefly recapitulating, amended independent Claim 1 is directed to a computer program product that includes, *inter alia*, providing a procedure file, storing and managing a plurality of tickets, searching the tickets based on a first identifier, retrieving a corresponding access address of a corresponding service provider included in the ticket obtained by the search, and presenting information about the commodity included in the ticket. The ticket includes, among other information, information for deriving a second identifier different from the first identifier. Based on information acquired from the ticket obtained by the search, the second identifier is generated and a new search for a ticket that corresponds to the second identifier is performed. Independent Claim 4 has been amended similar to Claim 1.

In other words, the method of Claim 1 is capable of a) searching for a first ticket based on the first identifier, b) generating a second identifier from information stored in the first ticket, and c) further searching for a second ticket based on the generated second identifier.

Turning to the applied art, the outstanding Office Action recognizes at page 8, numbered paragraph 29, that Ogawa does not expressly disclose features b) and c) noted above. The outstanding Office Action relies on Skilten for teaching those features.

Skilten discloses an advertisement machine that provides advertisements to a user searching for desired information within a data network.¹ The machine receives, from the user, a search request including a search argument corresponding to the desired information and searches, based upon the received search argument, a first database having data network related information to generate search results. The machine also correlates the received search argument to a particular advertisement in a second database having advertisement related information.

In other words, the advertisement machine of Skilten searches the first data base based on the search argument input by the user, and also searches a second database for advertisements having information related to the search argument input by the user. Therefore, the advertisement machine of Skilten used the **same search argument** input by the user to search first and second data bases and does not generate a second search arguments based on the first search argument to search the second data base, which is different from amended Claims 1 and 4.

The outstanding Office Action also relies on Suzuki for teaching various other features. However, Suzuki does not cure the deficiencies discussed above with regard to Ogawa and Skilten.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 1 and 4 and each of the claims depending therefrom patentably distinguish over Ogawa, Skilten, and Suzuki, either alone or in combination.

Amended independent Claim 7 is directed to a computer program product that stores instructions to be executed by an information provision control computer system, the instructions including, *inter alia*, providing a procedure file, storing and managing a plurality of tickets, accepting a first identifier submitted by a user, searching, based on the first

¹ Skilten, see Abstract.

identifier, a ticket of the plurality of tickets corresponding to the first identifier, retrieving a corresponding access address of a corresponding service provider included in the ticket obtained by the search, and presenting information about the commodity included in the ticket. The ticket includes permission condition information indicating a condition for the user to whom presentation of the information included in the ticket is permitted. Claim 10 has been amended similar to Claim 7.

Applicants note that the ticket includes not only 1) the permission condition information but also 2) a first identifier given to a commodity, an access address of a service provider for providing a service related to the commodity, storage location information of the procedure file, and both or one of information about the commodity and information about the service related to the commodity.

The outstanding Office Action states at page 7, subparagraph a., that Ogawa shows in Figure 5 the claimed features 2). Further, the outstanding Office Action states at page 12, numbered paragraph 42, that Ogawa discloses a password that is asserted to correspond to the claimed feature 1).

However, Applicants respectfully submit that Figure 5 of Ogawa does not show the possibility of a password being added and the password noted by the outstanding Office Action is introduced into an email message sent by a server to a user, which is different from the claimed ticket having permission condition information. In other words, the claimed features 1) and 2) allegedly identified by the outstanding Office Action in various locations of Ogawa are incompatible with each other in the scheme disclosed by Ogawa.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 7 and 10 and each of the claims depending therefrom patentably distinguish over Ogawa, Skullen, and Suzuki, either alone or in combination.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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